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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SA, US

SUBJECT:MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER

1. PLEASE CONVEY URGENTLY TO KING KHALID THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER. BEGIN TEXT:
2. YOUR MAJESTY: AS SECRETARY VANCE PREPARES TO DEPART FOR
THE MIDDLE EAST I HAVE JUST RECEIVED YOUR MAJESTY'S THOUGHT-
FUL LETTER OF JULY 5 OFFERING ENCOURAGEMENT IN OUR MUTUAL
QUEST FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I AM PERSONALLY TOUCHED
BY YOUR EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT. I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO YOU
FOR SENDING HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS CROWN PRINCE FAHD TO WASHING-
TON LAST MAY TO CONVEY THE THINKING OF YOUR MAJESTY'S GOVERN-
MENT ON THE PROBLEM OF THE MIDDLE EAST, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR
READINESS NOW TO MEET WITH SECRETARY VANCE, WHOM I AM SENDING
TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST TO CONCERT ON
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MY BEHALF WITH YOU AND OTHER LEADERS ON CARRYING FORWARD THE
SEARCH FOR A MIDDLE EAST PEACE. IN PARTICULAR, HE WILL BE EX-
PLORING WAYS TO BRING ABOUT THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF A NE-
GOTIATING PROCESS THAT WILL COMMENCE WITH RECONVENING THE
GENEVA CONFERENCE. ON THIS VISIT, HE WILL WANT TO HEAR THE
THOUGHTS OF THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT ON HOW TO RESOLVE THE PRO-
CEDURAL QUESTIONS RELATING TO RECONVENING AND ORGANIZING THE

CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY THE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION QUESTION, WHICH I DISCUSSED LAST MAY WITH CROWN PRINCE FAHD. HE WILL ALSO BE BRINGING SOME IDEAS ON A FRAMEWORK FOR

GENEVA THAT WE HAVE DEVELOPED THROUGH OUR CONSULTATIONS, AND HE WILL WANT TO DISCUSS THESE WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT.

I HAVE NOW HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH CROWN PRINCE FAHD AND THE LEADERS OF ALL THE COUNTRIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, AND ALL HAVE SAID THEY WANT VERY MUCH TO REACH A FINAL AND COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. TO THAT END, I BELIEVE THERE IS A COMMON DESIRE TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS. THIS LEADS ME TO HOPE THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL INDEED BE POSSIBLE THIS FALL.

I REALIZE THAT THERE REMAIN WIDE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PARTIES ON THE MOST IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. I APPRECIATE ALSO THAT THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED WOULD HAVE HOPED THAT, PRIOR TO ENTERING NEGOTIATIONS, WE COULD ACHIEVE A MAXIMUM MEASURE OF AGREEMENT ON THESE ISSUES, IN PARTICULAR ON THE QUESTION OF ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORY AND ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION. ISRAEL, FOR ITS PART, WOULD WISH FOR ADVANCE AGREEMENT ON THE NATURE OF THE PEACE TO FOLLOW A SETTLEMENT. AS YOU KNOW,
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I TOO HAVE FELT IT DESIRABLE TO ACHIEVE AS MUCH AGREEMENT AS POSSIBLE BEFORE GENEVA IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE PROSPECTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE. WE SHALL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION, AND SECRETARY VANCE WILL WANT TO PURSUE THIS QUESTION FURTHER IN HIS TALKS ON THIS TRIP. I HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY CONVINCED, HOWEVER, THAT THESE PROFOUND CORE ISSUES MUST IN THE LAST ANALYSIS BE RESOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS WHICH RECONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL SET IN MOTION.

THE UNITED STATES WILL BE PREPARED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THIS PROCESS, WHICH WE SEE AS BEING CONDUCTED BY VARIOUS MEANS, INCLUDING TO A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE THROUGH OUR CONTINUING MEDIATION EFFORTS BOTH WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CONFERENCE AND BILATERALLY. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU, IN THIS RESPECT, THAT MY VIEWS ON SOLUTIONS TO THE SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS REMAIN AS I DESCRIBED THEM TO CROWN PRINCE FAHD AND THAT THE U.S. WILL BE GUIDED BY THESE VIEWS IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS MEDIATION ROLE.

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SECRETARY VANCE WILL BE SPEAKING WITH MY FULL AUTHORITY, AND I WILL BE IN DAILY TOUCH WITH HIM AS HE UNDERTAKES HIS IMPORTANT MISSION. UNLIKE HIS FIRST TRIP, WHICH WAS PRIMARILY DESIGNED AS A FIRST EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN YOUR GOVERNMENT AND MY ADMINISTRATION, HIS MISSION THIS TIME IS DESIGNED TO MOVE FORWARD IN CONCRETE WAYS THE PROCESS OF ACHIEVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED AND ISRAEL ON A FRAMEWORK AND TIMETABLE FOR RE-
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CONVENING AND ORGANIZING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. I AM CONFIDENT I WILL HAVE YOUR MAJESTY'S CONTINUING SUPPORT, AND THAT OF YOUR GOVERNMENT, IN THIS EFFORT. I ASK FOR YOUR CONFIDENCE IN ME AS WE PURSUE, BECAUSE IT IS IN OUR NATIONAL INTEREST, THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

YOUR MAJESTY, THERE ARE OF COURSE MANY OTHER ISSUES OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE ON WHICH COOPERATION BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA AND MY COUNTRY CONTINUES TO BE A CONSTRUCTIVE INFLUENCE. WHILE SECRETARY VANCE ON HIS COMING TRIP WILL BE CONCENTRATING PARTICULARLY ON THE PROBLEM OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE, HE WILL BE AS ALWAYS PLEASED TO HEAR AND TO CONVEY TO ME YOUR MAJESTY'S ADVICE, AND THAT OF YOUR MINISTERS, ON THESE OTHER ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST. I AM CONFIDENT THAT SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA WILL FURTHER CONTRIBUTE TO THE TRADITION OF CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, IN PURSUIT OF NOT JUST OUR COMMON INTERESTS, BUT OF THE WELFARE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. WITH WARM GOOD WISHES, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.
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